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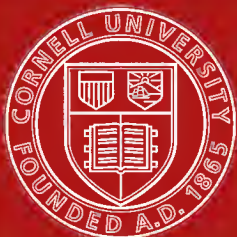
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7. *An Heroic Postscript to the Public, Occasioned by their favourable Reception of a late Heroic Epistle to Sir William Chambers, Kent., etc.* By the Author of that Epistle. The Eighth Edition. Quarto, 14 pp. London: J. Almon, 1774.

"*For His Excellency General Washington from Mr. Almon*" at bottom of Title page.

8. *An Epistle to Dr. Shebbeare: to which is added an Ode to Sir Fletcher Norton, in imitation of Horace, Ode VIII, Book IV.* By Malcolm Macgreggor, of Knightbridge, Esq. Author of the Heroic Epistle to Sir Wm. Chambers, etc. Fourth Edition. Quarto, 28 pp. London: J. Almon, 1777.

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Bound expressly to order for General Washington.

With fine autograph of General Washington on the first title.

1114 MISCELLANIES. A Volume of Rare Pamphlets, containing:

1. *On the Principle of Vitality.* A Discourse delivered in the First Church in Boston, Tuesday, June 8th, 1790. Before the Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By B. Waterhouse, M. D., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Physic, and Lecturer on Natural History in the University of Cambridge. Of all the Powers in Nature, Heat is the Chief. Bacon. Quarto, 4x24x4 pp. Boston: Printed by Thomas and John Fleet, 1790.

With Autograph of G. Washington. And at bottom of Title page is written "*To the President of the United States from the Author.*"

2. Description of some of the Utensils in Husbandry, Rolling Carriages, Cart Rollers, and Divided Rollers for Land and Gardens, Mills, Weighing Engines, etc., etc. Made and Sold by James Sharp, No. 15, Leadenhall Street, London; which may be seen at his Manufactory, No. 133 Tooley Street, Southwark. Quarto. Sold by Benjamin White, No., Fleet Street; Henry Payne, and James Dodsley, Pall Mall; and Charles Dilly, No. 22, Poultry, London; Booksellers. (Price Three Shillings.)
3. Geographical, Historical, Political, Philosophical and Mechanical Essays. Number II. Containing a Letter Representing, the Impropriety of sending Forces to Virginia: the Importance of taking Frontenac; and that the Preservation of Oswego was owing to General Shirley's proceeding thither. And containing Objections to those Parts of Evans's General Map and Analysis, which relate to the French Title to the Country, on the North-West Side of St. Lawrence River, between Fort Frontenac and Montreal, etc. Published in the New-York Mercury, No. 178, Jan. 5, 1756. With an Answer, to so much thereof as concerns the Public; and the several Articles set in a just Light. By Lewis Evans. Quarto, 42x1 pp. Philadelphia: Printed for the Author; and Sold by him in Arch-Street: and at New-York by G. Noel, Bookseller near Counts's Market. 1756.
(*This Pamphlet was printed by Benjamin Franklin.*)
4. The Proceedings of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, Convened in General Assembly, on Thursday the first day of June, 1775, will fully appear in their journals, printed at large; but as it was judged necessary that the most material transactions should be seen in connected and distinct point of view, the House ordered that these should be published in a pamphlet, and they are contained in the following sheets. Quarto, 48 pp. Williamsburg: Printed by Alexander Purdie. *Excessively rare.*
5. Observations on Mr. Pitt's Plan, for the Reduction of the National Debt. By Charles Earl Stanhope, F. R. S. Quarto 39. Appendix (24) pp. London, 1786.

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1115 POLITICAL TRACTS. A Series of very rare Pamphlets, containing:

1. A Dissertation on the Political Union and Constitution of the Thirteen United States of North America: which is necessary to their Preservation and Happiness, humbly offered to the Public, by a Citizen of Philadelphia. 8vo, 47 pp. Philad.: T. Bradford, 1783. Autograph of the Author Pelatiah Webster, A. M. Signer at the End. "*To his Excellency Gen. Washington with the most Respectful Compliments of the Author*" written on top of Title page. Has also the Autograph of G. Washington on Title page.
2. A Collection of State Papers, relative to the first Acknowledgment of the Sovereignty of the United States of America, and the reception of their Minister Plenipotentiary (John Adams) by their High-Mightnesses the States-General of the United Netherlands. At the Hague 1782. 8vo, 96 pp.
3. Sketches of American Policy. Under the following Heads:
 - I. Theory of Government.
 - II. Governments on the Eastern Continent.
 - III. American States; or the principles of the American Constitutions contrasted with those of European States.
 - IV. Plan of Policy for improving the Advantages and perpetuating the Union of the American States.
 By Noah Webster, Jun'r., Esq. 8vo, 48 pp. Hartford: Hudson and Goodwin, 1785.
 "*His Excellency Gen. Washington*" written on top of Title page.
4. Observations on the American Revolution. Published according to a Resolution of Congress, by their Committee. For the Consideration of those who are desirous of comparing the Conduct of the opposed Parties, and the several Consequences which have flowed from it. 8vo. 4x122 pp. Philad.: Styner and Cist, 1779. Has Part of Autograph of G. Washington on Title page.

5. A Sixth Essay on Free Trade and Finance; particularly showing what Supplies of Public Revenue may be drawn from Merchandize, without injuring our Trade, or burdening our People. Humbly offered to the Public, by a Citizen of Philadelphia. (Pelatiah Webster, A. M.) 8vo, 32 pp. Philad.: T. Bradford, 1783.

"To his Excellency Gen. Washington with the most respectful Compliments of the Author"
written on top of Title page.

6. Observations on American Independency. T. True Briton. Oct., 1779. 8vo, 24 pp.

Bound in 1 vol. 8vo, contemporary tree calf.

Has autograph of General Washington on first title and part of his autograph on the 4th tract. The book was bound expressly to his order, and was No. 31 in the sale of November 28, 1876, of Washington's library.

1116 POLITICAL TRACTS. A Volume of Rare Pamphlets, containing:

1. Remarks on Lord Sheffield's Observations on the Commerce of the American States; By An American. 8vo, 51 pp. London, 1784.
Autograph of G. Washington on Title page.
2. A Letter to the Right Honourable Edmund Burke. The Second Edition, with Additions. (By Sir Brook Boothby.) 8vo, 135 pp. London, 1791.
3. Thoughts on Governments: occasioned by Mr. Burke's Reflections, etc., in a Letter to a Friend. To which is added a Postscript, in reply to a Vindication of Mr. Burke's Reflections. By George Rous, Esq. Fourth Edition. 8vo, 4x77 pp. London, 1791.
4. Rights of Man: being an Answer to Mr. Burke's attack on the French Revolution. By Thomas Paine. Second Edition. 8vo, 105 pp. Philad.: Samuel Harrison Smith, 1791.
5. A brief examination of Lord Sheffield's Observations on the Commerce of the United States. In Seven Numbers. With two Supplementary Notes on American Manufactures. 8vo, 8x136 pp. Philad. From the Press of M. Carey, 1791.

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1117 MISCELLANIES. A Collection of Pamphlets, containing:

1. An Account of the Ancient division of the English Nation into Hundreds and Tithings, etc. By Granville Sharp. 8vo, 240 pp. London: 1784.
With Autograph of G. Washington.
2. Of Commerce and Luxury. 12mo, 4x51 pp. Philad.: T. Lang, 1791.
3. Thoughts on Female Education, accomodated to the present state of Society, Manners and Government, in the U. States of America. Addressed to the Visitors of the Young Ladies' Academy in Philadelphia, 28 July, 1787. By Benjamin Rush, M. D. To which is added a Prayer, by Samuel Magaw, D. A. 8vo, 32 pp. Philad.: Prichard and Hall, 1787.
4. The Rise and Progress of the Young Ladies' Academy of Philad., etc., containing an Account of a Number of Public Examinations and Commencements; The Charter and Bye-Laws; Likewise, a Number of Orations delivered by the Young Ladies, and several by the Trustees of said Institution. 8vo, 119 pp. Philad.: Stewart and Cochran, 1794. *Extremely scarce.*
5. An Essay on the Education and Genius of the Female Sex. To which is added, An Account of the Commencement of the Young Ladies' Academy of Philadelphia, held the 18th of December, 1794, under the direction of Mr. John Poor, A. M., Principal. By J. A. Neal. 12mo, 4x37 pp. Philad.: Jacob Johnson & Co., 1795. *Very rare.*

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1118 VIRGINIA JOURNAL. A Collection of the rarest Pamphlets relating to Virginia, containing:

1. Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention held at Richmond, in the County of Henrico, on the 20th Day of March, 1775. Quarto, 28 pp. Williamsburg: J. Dixon and W. Hunter, 1775.

Autograph of G. Washington, on top of Title page.

2. A New Manual, and Platoon Exercise: with An Explanation. Published by Order of his Majesty: Edward Harvey, Adjutant General. August, 1764. Quarto, 12 pp.
3. The Proceedings of the Convention of Delegates, held at the Town of Richmond, in the Colony of Virginia, on Friday the 1st of December, 1775, and afterwards by Adjournment, in the City of Williamsburg. Quarto, 4x106 pp. Williamsburg: Printed by Alexander Purdie.
4. Ordinances Passed at a Convention held in the City of Williamsburg, in the Colony of Virginia, on Friday the 1st of December, 1775. Quarto, 34 pp. Williamsburg: Printed by Alexander Purdie.
5. The Proceedings of the Convention of Delegates for the Counties and Corporations in the Colony of Virginia, held at Richmond town, in the County of Henrico on Monday the 17th of July, 1775. Quarto, 59 pp. Williamsburg: Printed by Alexander Purdie.
6. Ordinances passed at a General Convention of Delegates and Representatives from the Several Counties and Corporations of Virginia; held at the Capitol, in the City of Williamsburg, on Monday the 6th of May, Anno Dom. 1776. Quarto, 44 pp. Williamsburg: Printed by Alexander Purdie, Printer to the Commonwealth.
7. Journal of the Convention of Virginia. Held in the City of Richmond, on the first Monday in June, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight. Quarto, 42 pp. Printed by Augustine Davis, Printer to the Convention.
8. Some Observations on the Constitution, etc. Quarto, 24 pp.
9. Observations on the Plan of Government submitted to the Federal Convention in Philadelphia, on the 28th of May, 1787. By Mr. Charles Pinckney, Delegate from the State of South Carolina. Delivered at different Times in the course of their Discussions. Quarto, 27 pp. New-York: Printed by Francis Childs.

10. An Address to the People of the State of New-York, on the Subject of the Constitution, agreed upon at Philadelphia, the 17th of September, 1787. Quarto, 19 pp. (At the end "A Citizen of New-York.") New-York: Printed by Samuel and John Loudon, Printers to the State.
11. The Constitution of the State of South-Carolina. Quarto, 12 pp. Charleston: Printed for A. Timothy, Printer to the State. 1790.
"His Excellency General Washington" written on top of Title page.
12. Conciliatory Hints, Attempting by a fair State of Matters, to remove Party-Prejudices;—offering a few Reflections on the various Forms of Government;—pointing out the Preference to be given to the true Republican or Democratic System;—and proposing a Convention by Delegates, for the Purpose of accomodating our Constitution more perfectly to the Principles of equal and permanent Freedom: Submitted to the Consideration of the Citizens of the Commonwealth of South-Carolina. By Philodemus. Foe to all Party but the Public Weal. Quarto, 34 pp. Charleston: Printed for A. Timothy, No. 89, Broad-street, 1784. Extremely rare.

On the top of the half title is written "For Major G. A. Washington from his Friend, etc., humb. Servt., Thos. Tudor Tucker."

Bound in 1 Volume. Quarto. Old contemporary tree calf.

Has autograph of General Washington on title. Bound expressly to his order. It was No. 81 in the sale of November 28, 1876, of General Washington's library.

This is without exception the most important book of the whole collection of books sold in the famous sale in Philadelphia in 1876, of General Washington's library. It embraces 12 separate and distinct pamphlets, every one of the greatest rarity, and all being closely connected with his political career, as well as relating to his native State.

- 1119 ANDERSON, JOHN. Institute of Physics. The Fourth Edition.

Svo, full contemporary tree calf, gilt back and sides. Canary edges. Glasgow, 1786

Has autograph of General Washington on title. It was No. 53 in sale of November 28, 1876, of General Washington's library.

This volume was selected out of all offered at the 1876 sale as the choicest specimen of Early American binding among the lot. On the back in gold is the Goddess of Liberty seated, which insignia was adopted for the Silver Coinage of the Country. The sides are also beautifully and artistically gilt, as well as an inside border.

WASHINGTON'S LETTER

In Reference to the Exchange of the Marquis Cornwallis.

1122 WASHINGTON, GEORGE. Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, First President of the United States, the Greatest Man of the Christian Era. Letter, signed. 2 pages, folio, Philadelphia, 5 Dec., 1781. To Abraham Skinner, Commissary General of Prisoners. In fine condition.

Of the greatest historical importance. In reference to the exchange of prisoners captured at Yorktown, Virginia, and instructing Gen'l Skinner not to consent to the exchange of Lord Cornwallis. We quote the letter entire.

“ PHILADELPHIA, 5th Decem. 1781.

“ Sir:

“ You will proceed immediately to Elizabeth Town, and, agreeable to Mr. Lorings proposal, endeavour to effect the exchange of such of our Officers as remain unreleased, for part of the British and Foreign lately taken at York in Virginia:

“ Where a similarity of Rank will not apply, you will proceed, as usual, upon the mode of compositions,—with this reserve only, that you are, in as delicate a manner as possible, to wave the exchange of Lord Cornwallis for the present, Should the British Commissary refuse to enter upon the Business on account of the detention of Lord Cornwallis, you will report to me, without loss of time.

“ General O'Hara, you will observe, is returned as a Brigadier only, when I am pretty confident, that he has been announced in the New York papers as a Major General, by Sir Henry Clinton's appointment. You will make the proper enquiry into the matter—

“ There are sundry Officers and privates remaining prisoners in Canada, whose release I wish to effect, and for which purpose I some time ago wrote to General Haldiman, proposing to him to send them to New York, that they might be exchanged from thence,—but I have received no answer—I would wish you to endeavour to fall upon some means of having them included in the present business—

“ You will find among the prisoners of York and Gloucester, a number of persons who come under no military description, but who are, by the capitulation, subjects of exchange. You may set them against any persons of the Class of Citizens who may be in the hands of the enemy, or against our marine prisoners.

“ I am Sir

“ Your most obt Servt

“ G. WASHINGTON.

“ Abraham Skinner Esq

“ C. G. Prisoners.”

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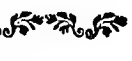
Tradesmen, Mechanics, &c.

OF THE PROVINCE OF

Pennsylvania.

MY DEAR AND MUCH RESPECTED BRETHREN,

A Time when a corrupt and prostituted Ministry are pointing their destructive Machines against the sacred Liberties of the *Americans*, the Eyes of all *Europe* are upon us; and much is expected from the known Revolution and

 But supposing the A&R was repealed, and the Tea could be imported free of any Duty, Import, or Custom; yet, is it not a most gross and daring Insult to plier the Trade from the *Americans*, and lodge it in the Hands of the *East-India Company*? Let us not be prevailed upon to suppose that

General Washington's Autograph Plan of Part of Mount Vernon.

- 1123 WASHINGTON, GEORGE. An Original Plan, drawn in ink and endorsed by General Washington, of a portion of the Mount Vernon Estate, inscribed, "A Plan of a piece of Meadow situate on Little Hunting Creek," and endorsed on the back in the General's well-known hand. Plot of the Marsh by the Sein Landing." Size, 6 inches by 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches.

A beautiful and very rare and interesting specimen of Washington's work as a surveyor, neatly drawn and executed in early manhood. It is one of the most interesting surveys extant from the hand of Washington, not only on account of the beauty of the execution, but on account of its association with his old homestead.—*See plate.*

General Greene's Letter to John Hancock.

- 1124 GREENE, NATHANIEL. Major-General of the Revolutionary War, the officer upon whom Washington most depended. Autograph Letter, signed. 2 pp., 4to. Coventry, September 30, 1778. To Major-Gen. Hancock. Endorsed by Hancock.

Fine and interesting letter to John Hancock :—

"I hope you had a very splendid and social entertainment with the Admiral and the Officer of his Fleet. I am anxious to see the account of it.

"Your politeness and hospitality shown me while I was in Boston deserves my warmest acknowledgement, The reception I met in Boston in general but more particularly from you was doubly agreeable, and was a kind of evidence that my public character did not stand in any unfavorable point there, I shall be always happy in your good opinion and shall make it my study to deserve it. There are few men if any to whom the Public are equally indebted as they are to you, I am an admirer of your Virtues, You will therefor allow me to speak what I feel."

Jefferson's Letter on the Finances, to John Hancock.

- 1125 JEFFERSON, THOMAS. Author of the Declaration of Independence and President of the United States. Autograph Letter, signed. Folio. Albemarle in Virginia, October 19, 1778. To John Hancock. With endorsement by Hancock, and address.

A very important letter, providing ways and means for establishing a series of credits throughout Europe, for the purpose of supplying material to carry on the war.

"Honorable Sir

"In a late conversation with Mr J. Adams since his return from Congress, I find, what indeed might have been well supposed that the state of the continental finances is not the most flourishing, the establishment of banks in

Europe for the purpose of maintaining our credit there, as well as here, and by that means of enlarging our supplies by way of loan may perhaps meet with the attention of Congress, as it is probable this cannot be done to a sufficient extent in any one place in Europe, the procuring credit in several places tho' to no great amount in any one of them, will answer the same end, an acquaintance with two Italian gentlemen who have settled in my neighborhood has been the means of my becoming acquainted with some facts which may perhaps be of some use to the general cause, The Grand-duke of Tuscany by great economy & a particular attention to the affairs of his treasury has I understand a very large sum in ready money which it is thought he would readily put out to interest, more especially if it was proposed not to carry it out of his state, but to invest it in necessaries there, having also established at his own expense public manufactures for the employment of his poor, it is said he has immense magazines of these which he would without doubt gladly furnish on credit.—The Genese are among the richest people in Europe, being principally commercial they make great sums of money, which their sumptuary laws put it out of their power to expend, the consequence is that for a long time they have put their money into the banks of Europe for 3 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, they have immense sums in the London bank, the state of which has for some time alarmed them; & nothing has prevented their drawing it out but the impossibility of disposing of it elsewhere, were they indeed to go pretty generally on the plan of selling out, it is probable they must sell to considerable loss, yet the high interest we pay would make amends for that, more especially when they contemplate the certain loss of their principal at no very distant period if suffered to remain there, There seems therefore reason to hope we might do something clever with them, which would be doubly beneficial by supplying our wants, and perhaps rendering our Enemies bankrupt by sudden & large calls on them, I throw out these things for your contemplation, if they can be wrought into any public good I know you will do it, should Congress think them worth an essay, they will probably think it wisest to negotiate at first in a covered way, & not put their credit to the hazard of an affrontive refusal, till they see a disposition to accept their terms, one of the gentlemen of whom I spoke above (Mr Mazzie) is I think more likely to negotiate this matter to our advantage than perhaps a native alone, he possesses first rate abilities, is pretty well acquainted with the European courts & particularly those above mentioned, is a native of Tuscany with good connections, and I have seen certain proof of the Grand duke's personal regard for him, he has been a zealous whig from the beginning, and think may be relied on perfectly in point of integrity, he is very sanguine in his expectations of the services he could render us on this occasion & would undertake it in a very moderate appointment, this, if congress were to adopt the plan at all, they would order as they please, he thinks £600, sterl, would enable him to continue there a twelve month within which time it might be affected. I think the sum which would be hazarded of little consideration when compared with the benefits hoped for. I have taken the liberty of troubling you with this information, finding there are few others now remaining at congress of my former acquaintance, & none for whom I have greater esteem, a love for the general cause makes me hazard it for the general service,—We have nothing here interesting or worthy your knolege. I shall therefore conclude, not dealing in compliments, for it is none when I assure you I am with high esteem

Your most obedt. humble servt

TH. JEFFERSON."

- 1126 HOPKINSON, FRANCIS. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Autograph Letter, signed. 7 pp., 4to. Continental Navy Board, Borden Town, 7th Oct., 1777, also signed by John Wheaton. To The Marine Committee.

A highly important and historical letter in reference to the course taken by the Continental Navy Board to prevent the enemy from capturing their vessels and supplies.

"We are now employed in erecting several Batteries at White-hill & making a line of Defence for the Protection of the great number of Vessels, Stores, &c both public & private at & near this Place, we have applied to the Govr. & Council of this State & obtained Orders for raising a Company of Militia for the Purpose. But as we find on Trial we are not likely to raise a Company to any Effect, we submit to your consideration the Propriety of your requesting General Washington to order a Company of 40 or more Continental Troops from Camp for the Protection of the Frigates & Stores at this Place, If this measure should be adopted, the sooner it is effected, the better, as we have several Instructions that the Enemy mean an attempt on our Shipping up the Delaware.

"We sincerely congratulate the Marine Committee on the late glorious Success of the American Arms in the Battle of Saturday last; attended with such little Loss on our Parts & such fatal effects to the Enemy. We also rejoice with you on the very promising aspect of the officers in the Northern Department. We flatter ourselves that our tempestuous Voyage is almost over; that we are already on Soundings and one favorable Blast more will waft us to the Shores of Peace and Security."

General Heath's Letter Giving an Account of the Battle of Pee Dee.

- 1127 HEATH, WILLIAM. Major-General in the American Revolutionary War. Autograph Letter, signed. 2 pp., folio. West Point, Feb'y 13, 1781. To Governor John Hancock, with Franked Address. Endorsed by Hancock.

"That on the 17th ulto, an action happen'd near Pee Dee between a body of American Troops under the command of General Morgan, and about one thousand of the Enemy under the Command of Lt. Colo. Tarlton, The Enemy were totally defeated and pursued upwards of twenty miles. Our loss was inconsiderable—not more than 12 killed and 60 wounded. The Enemy had 10 commissioned Officers and 100 rank & file killed and 200 wounded—29 officers and 500 rank & file taken prisoners, 2 pieces of Artillery, 2 Standards, 800 Muskets, 1 traveling Forge, 35 baggage Waggon, 70 Negroes, 100 Dragoon Horses with all their music, are trophies of Victory."

- 1128 HEATH, WILLIAM. Letter, signed. 2pp., folio. Boston, September 1, 1777. To Jno. Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

Interesting letter in reference to relieving a prisoner, Peter P. Frye, a soldier, under sentence of death, on account of insanity.

- 1129 ADAMS, JOHN. Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and President of the United States. Autograph Letter, signed. 4to. Paris, May 26, 1783. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

Fine specimen.

1130 DEANE, SILAS. American Commissioner at Paris during the Revolutionary War. Autograph Letter, signed. 4to. Philadelphia, 23rd Nov., 1778. To John Hancock, with address, and Hancock's endorsement.

1131 HAZELWOOD, JOHN. Commodore in the Continental Navy. Autograph Letter, signed. Folio. Darby Creek, September 20th, 1777. To Colonel Bradford.

Highly important historical letter, a fine specimen and very rare.

"Yesterday afternoon we weighed with all the Fleet and Rowed down to Darby Creek; the Enemy's Ships laying at Chester.—But, we had not got far down, when they weighed their Anchors, and made down the River, with their Boats a head towing them, As soon as we came to Anchor, I sent out Eight Guard Boats, who were near them all Night, and took a Boat and two Men that had been on Board them, but they say they were going over to the Jerseys to bring a Flatt over for Mr. Ottenhammer, and they had such an order from him, I saw it—We found with them some of Howes Proclamations which we took from them, enclos'd you have one of them.—The three Ships are now in sight, and it is now flood Tide, but they are not yet got under weigh, I believe will not, as there is but little wind.—There are seven more Ships abreast of deep Water Point, one of which is under weigh and coming up to the other three,—They seem to want to draw us down to action with them below, and in consequence of your Letter shall avoid it, without they come up higher—We are all prepared, & should they come up, hope to give you a good account of them.—We are all in high Spirits, and fit and willing for Action whenever a convenient opportunity offers."

1132 DICKINSON, PHILEMON. Member of the Old Congress from New Jersey, Brigadier-General in the Revolution, distinguished for bravery at Monmouth. Autograph Letter, signed. 2 pp., 4to. Elizabeth Town, 20th September, 1777. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

Highly important historical letter, objecting to obeying an order from Congress, to evacuate Elizabeth Town, and join the main army. Gives very particular reasons for not complying with the order, and mentions General Washington.

General Sir Guy Carleton's Letter in Reference to the Evacuation of Penobscot.

1133 CARLETON, SIR GUY. Major-General in the British Army during the American Revolution. Letter, signed. 2 pp., folio. New York, 3rd October, 1783. To John Hancock.

Highly important historical letters in reference to the evacuation of Penobscot by the British; mentions General Washington.

"Sir

"I have ordered several Transports which sailed from hence with Refugees for Nova Scotia, to proceed immediately after performing that service to Penobscot, to remove from thence the Kings Troops and Stores.

"The Officer commanding there is directed to notify to the Officers commanding the nearest American Post, or the nearest civil Magistrate, the time he judges he may be able to withdraw from thence, in order that some person properly authorized may be sent to receive possession of the same, with such American Artillery as may be found therein.

"I have also informed His Excellency General Washington, of the orders, I have given for the evacuation of the above mentioned Post."

**Orders to Commodore Nicholas Biddle of the Frigate
Randolph, Charleston, Oct. 7th, 1777.**

- 1134 HANCOCK. Two-page Unsigned Letter. Folio. Dated York, in Pennsylvania. Octbr. 17, 1777, addressed to Nicholas Biddle, Esq., of the Frigate Randolph at Charles-Town, South Carolina, and franked by John Hancock, and endorsed "Orders to Nicholas Biddle Esq., of the Frigate Randolph, Charleston, Oct. 7th, 1777."

A very important letter of instructions from Congress to Commodore Nicholas Biddle of the Continental Navy.

"Sir:

"As quickly after you receive this as your Ship can be provided for the voyage, you are to proceed to France and when there, you are to be directed as to your future cruise, and the disposal of your Prizes, by the Commissioners of the United States at Paris, For this purpose you are to immediately on your arrival, to send a trusty officer to acquaint the Commissioners of your arrival, and to receive their directions, until you receive their answer, it is left to your discretion, and the intelligence you may collect of the enemies cruizers, whether to remain at your Port of arrival or make a short cruise, and repair for the reception of their answers, to any other Port; taking care to inform the commissioners of your determination upon this point. Whatever supplies of any kind you may want for the Ship in France, you will apply for, either to the Commercial Agent in France, or any Correspondent of the Commercial Committee at the Port where you may be, or to the Commissioners at Paris, We would have you make as little show as possible of being a Ship of force when you arrive, and during your stay in any Port of France, and let your stay in Port be as short as possible. It is not necessary to direct a person of your discretions to be very cautious of communicating with any person, either in America or in France, what is your destination, or what is your orders. If the agents of the Committee of Congress should direct you to take on board merchandize for France, you are to follow such directions concerning this, and the delivery of the goods, as you may receive from that committee.

"We desire you will correspond with this committee by every suitable opportunity.

"Wishing you health and success

"We are Sir

"Commercial Agents in France

"WILLIAM LEE }
"THOMAS MORRIS } esquires

"Copy of these orders

were given to Capt. James
Nicholson of the Frigate Virginia"

- 1135 MORRIS, ROBERT. Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the great financier of the American Revolution. Letter, signed. 2 pp., 4to. With autograph postscript of 15 lines on third page, Philadelphia, March 26th, 1781. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

Interesting letter, notifying John Hancock, that Congress had appointed him (Morris) Superintendent of Finance, and says "but I fear it will expose me in the course of it, to much Envy and Ill will, while the arduous nature of the undertaking will call for all my time and application." The autograph postscript contains some war news, viz: "Since the annexed a French Frigate is arrived here with an acct, that the British Fleet are got

into Chesapeak and the French returned to Rhode Island, the first have gained their point, Genl. Greene has had a smart action with Lord Cornwallis in which he lost 3 to 400 men killed and wounded and retreated with the loss of four pieces of Artillery, but having good order in the retreat and the Enemies loss being thought greater than ours, Greene intended another attack immediately," etc.

- 1136 MORRIS, ROBERT. Letter, signed. 4 pp., 4to. Philadelphia, June 11, 1781. With autograph postscript. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

Interesting letter in reference to the establishment of a National Bank, and asking Hancock to get his friends to subscribe to the stock.

Philadelphia, June 11, 1781.

" Sir,

" No doubt you have seen in the Publick Papers the Plan for establishing a national bank the necessity of which everybody sees that allows themselves the least time for reflection on the present State of the Publick Credit. The Publick Bodies in America have more or less, lost the Confidence of the world as to Money Matters by trying Projects and applying expedients to stop a Course of depreciation which Original errors had fixed too deep to admit of any radical cure. It is vain to think of carrying on War any longer by means of such depreciating Medium and at the same time an Efficient circulation of Paper that cannot depreciate is absolutely necessary to anticipate the Revenues of America. National bank is not only the most certain, but will prove the most Useful and economical mode of doing so. It is therefore of the Utmost Importance that this first Essay Confined as it is in point of Capital should be brought into Action with the greatest Expedition. I am Sensible that plans of Publick Utility however promising and pleasing they may be On their first appearance soon grow languid unless it be the particular business of some Man or set of Men to urge them forward, this may be said to be my duty in the present instance, but as I cannot be every where I must Apply for support to gentlemen of your Character and zeal for the Service of their Country requesting in the most earnest manner that you will urge your Friends and Fellow Citizens to become proprietors of this Bank Stock, every Subscriber will find his own interest benefitted in proportion to the Capital he deposits and—I dare say few will find the other parts of their Fortune to yield them so large or so certain an Income as the Stock they have in the Bank and at the same time they will have the Satisfaction to be considered for ever, as the promoters of an Institution that has been found beneficial to other Countries and inevitably must be so in the highest degree to this, an Institution that most probably will continue as long as the United States, and that will probably become as Useful to Commerce and Agriculture in the Days of Peace as it must to Government during the War.

"The Capital proposed is but small when the Extent and Riches of the United States are Considered, but when put in motion the benefits flowing from it will be so perceptible that all difficulty about encreasing the Capital or securing its Credit will Vanish, and we shall only have to appeal to the interest of Mankind which in most Cases will do more than their Patriotism, but there have been and will continue to be many instances where interest is sacrificed to Patriotism, and in that Belief I ask you to devote some of your time to promote this infant Plan which as it gathers Strength may in the end prove the means of saving the Liberties, Lives and Property of the Virtuous part of 'America.' My good Opinion of you is an Excuse for giving you this interruption.

" I am, Sir,

" Your Obed. Servt.,

" ROBT. MORRIS.

" P. S.—I will very soon do myself the honor of writing your Exceley a private letter &c in the meantime my best wishes attend you and yours."

- 1137 MORRIS, ROBERT. Letter, signed. 4to. Office of Finance, August 4, 1781. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

In reference to using the share of the United States in the prizes taken by Capt. Barry to fit the Deane and Alliance for sea.

- 1138 MORRIS, ROBERT. Letter, signed. 4to. Philadelphia, September 11, 1781. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

In reference to the disposition of money received from France, and authorizing Gov. Hancock to turn it over to Tench Francis.

- 1139 MORRIS, ROBERT. Letter, signed. 4to. Office of Finance, 18th September, 1781. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

- 1140 EDWARDS, RICHARD. Rear-Admiral of the Red in the British Navy, operating in America during the Revolution. D. S. Folio, 3 pp., October 15, 1781, signed, also by Wm. Patterson, John Donaldson, Samuel Crowell, John Os-good and Anthony Dever, endorsed on the back by John Hancock.

"Articles of Agreement between His Excellency Richard Edwards, Rear-Admiral of the Red, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland, for His Britannic Majesty, and the Congress of the United States of North America, for establishing a cartel between Saint John in the said Island, and Boston in North America." The American Commissioners are those who signed the document with Admiral Edwards, under the Agreement 361 American Prisoners were released and transported to Boston on the condition that the ship Friends, was to be allowed to equip and leave Boston unmolested for England.

- 1141 ARBUTHNOT, MARRIOT. Admiral in the Service of Great Britain, during the American Revolution. *l. s.* Folio. 2 pp. New York, Jan. 6th, 1781. To John Hancock, with franked wrapper, endorsed by John Hancock.

"Sir

"It is with sincere concern that the conduct of the French Admiral Commanding at Rhode Island has put it out of my power to alleviate the rigor of War, by sending with all convenient speed such of your Countrymen as have been Captured by the Kings Ships, under my Command to their families, without nicely attending to the State of your Accounts with my Commissary General.

"I must confess that it was no small surprise to find by the return of a Cartel sent to Newport with Naval Prisoners that she was ordered out of the harbor in a very improper manner to the endangering the lives of the people & the loss of the Vessel, with directions to return no more to that Island on the same Business.

"The Door being thus Shut at that place the only proper one at present it will not be in my power to indulge my feelings unless your Assembly or other proper persons apply to the French Admiral on that head, to prevent the disagreeable necessity of sending these unhappy Men to Europe."

- 1142 ALLAN, J. Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Autograph Letter, signed. Folio, 2 pp. Mathias, Oct. 5, 1781. To John Hancock, with address.

Interesting letter in reference to the Indians at Passamaquady, and the doings of the inhabitants around Penobscot.

- 1143 ALLAN, J. Autograph Letter, signed. Folio. Mathias, Sept. 7, 1781. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

In reference to the Indians near Passamaquady.

- 1144 LESPINE, CHEVALIER DE. Commander of the French Sloop Dragon, during the Revolution. Letter, signed. Folio. 2 pages. Boston, May 31, 1782. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

Complaining that a boat's crew from his sloop had been attacked by American sailors.

- 1145 LIVINGSTON, W. S. Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Autograph Letter, signed. 2 pp., folio. Camp, Aug. 28, 1778. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

- 1146 BANISTER, J. Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Autograph Letter, signed. Folio. Head Quarters, White Plains, Sept. 6, 1778. To John Hancock, with Hancock's endorsement.

- 1147 EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES of the Continental Congress, in reference to pay of officers who are hostages, and liable to be called for by the enemy. Signed by Geo. Bond, Dep'ty Sec. Dated May 25, 1781. Folio.

- 1148 CONTEMPORARY COPY OF EXTRACT from a Resolution of Congress in reference to the pay of Captain Ebenezer Sullivan. March 30, 1778. Folio.

- 1149 CONTINENTAL NAVY BOARD. Letter. Signed by J. Warren and John Deshon, Naval Committee at Boston, in reference to the preparation of the ships of the Continental Navy, to fit them for Sea. Dated Boston, Sept. 15, 1777. Folio.

- 1150 HAMILTON, ALEXANDER. Major-General in the Revolutionary War, Aide to General Washington. Autograph military document, signed. 4to. Sept. 23, 1777.

"By Virtue of powers from his Excellency General Washington I do hereby Authorise you to require from the inhabitants, contributions of Blankets and Cloathing of every kind and to take whatever materials you know will be useful to the Army that you may find in the Stores keeping an account of the same and giving receipts."

Fine specimen of Hamilton's writing during his early military life.

HAIL COLUMBIA.**Fine Copy in the Autograph of the Author.**

- 1151 HOPKINSON, JOSEPH. Autograph copy, signed, of his National Song "Hail Columbia." 3 pp. 4to. Date, February 22, 1838.

"Hail Columbia—happy land!
 Hail ye Heroes—heaven born band,
 Who fought and bled in freedom's cause,
 Who fought and bled in freedom's cause,
 And when the Storm of War was done,
 Enjoy'd the Peace your valour won
 Let Independence be our boast
 Ever mindful what it cost
 Ever grateful for the Prize
 Let its Altars reach the Skies.

 Firm united, let us be
 Rallying round our liberty,
 As a band of brothers join'd
 Peace and Safety we shall find."
 Etc., Etc.. Etc.

**Ivory Miniature of Charles Brockden Brown and his Wife.
 Painted by William Dunlap, in 1806.**

- 1151½ IVORY DOUBLE MINIATURE OF CHARLES BROCKDEN BROWN, the American Novelist, and his Wife, Elizabeth Linn Brown. Painted by William Dunlap, placed back to back, in the conventional oval frame of gold, with the ring at the top, for the purpose of wearing it as a locket. Beautifully executed, and the only portrait of the first American novelist from life.

Although several novels appeared in this country written by Americans before Brown's tale, "Wieland" appeared in 1798, he was the first writer in the United States to make a profession of letters, and the first who might be justly considered as a professional and successful author of romantic fiction. This miniature was engraved for his works, but the portrait of his wife has never been published. Brown was born in 1771; he was educated at the school of Robert Proud, the historian of Pennsylvania. He studied law under James Wilson, but gave up that profession, for the field of literature. His novels were reprinted in London, where they were received with great favor. He married Miss Elizabeth Linn, daughter of Rev. Dr. William Linn of New York. He died at the age of thirty-nine.

Peale's Portrait of Washington, Engraved by Edwin.

- 1152 GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON. Full bust, head to left. *Stippel, printed in colors*

Height 12 15-16 inches, width 10 1-16 inches.

R. Peale Pinxt, D. Edwin Sculpt. Printed in colors by H. Charles. *Published by H. S. Tanner, Philadelphia. Baker, No. 10, Carson No. 19. Very rare.*

Fine impression of this exceedingly rare painting in the original old gilt frame, glass with black margin.

- 1153 HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE WASHINGTON, LIEUT^T GEN^L OF THE ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Three-quarter length, in uniform, sitting, the Order of the Cincinnati on the left breast; a sword lies on the right forearm, and a chart in the hand, the left hand resting upon that portion of it which is upon a table, a curtain drawn up at the right reveals an encampment in the distance. In the lower margin, an eagle is displayed with shield and motto, "E Pluribus Unum." *Stipple*

Height 11 3-16 inches, width 8 10-16 inches.

F. Bartoli Pinxt, D. Edwin Sc. "Respectfully dedicated to the Lovers of their Country and Firm Supporters of its Constitution." *Baker, No. 216; Carson, No. 421*

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Original Water Color Drawing by J. L. Kimmell, of the Procession of Victuallers, Philadelphia, 1821.

- 1154 PROCESSION OF VICTUALLERS OF PHILADELPHIA, on the 15th of March, 1821, conducted under the direction of Mr. William White. The original water color drawing by J. L. Kimmell, from which the now very rare engraving was made.

- 1155 A COPY OF THE ENGRAVING, COLORED, printed on heavy paper, of which only a few were so printed. Engraved by J. Yeager, in aquatint, printed by Charles Woodward, Jr. Very rare.

The view was taken from Mathew Carey & Son's book store, southeast corner Fourth and Chestnut streets, and gives a very interesting view of that section of the city a hundred years ago.

Philadelphia in 1761.

- 1156 EARLY VIEW OF PHILADELPHIA, 1761. The East Prospect of the City of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania, with View, on the upper left corner, of the State House, and of the Battery in the upper right corner. From the London Magazine, 1761. Oblong folio. Very rare.

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- 1157 EARLY VIEW OF NEW YORK, 1761. The South Prospect for the City of New York, in America. From the London Magazine, 1761. Oblong folio. Very rare.

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- 1158 AN EMBROIDERED SAMPLER. By Truth Esther Speakman, 1787. In excellent state of preservation.
A beautiful specimen of early embroidery work by a lady of Philadelphia. Samples of this kind of work have become very scarce, and it is quite refreshing to come across a relic like this nowadays, as it exhibits the simplicity of our grandmothers, in comparison with the gaudy tinsel of society of to-day.
- 1159 WASHINGTON, GENERAL GEORGE. The Will of, to which is Annexed a Schedule of his Property Described to be Sold. *Alexandria*, 1800
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- 1160 WASHINGTON'S JOURNAL. A Memorial, containing a Summary View of Facts with the Authorities in Answer to the Observations sent by the English Ministry to the Courts of Europe. Translated from the French.
Philadelphia: Printed by James Chattin, 1757
8vo, half bound.
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- 1161 WASHINGTON, GENERAL. A Funeral Oration on the Death of, in the German Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, December 26, 1799. By Major-General Lee.
Philadelphia, 1800
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In this sermon, "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the hearts of his countrymen," was for the first time used in reference to General Washington. Very rare.
- 1162 WASHINGTON, GENERAL GEORGE. A Funeral Discourse on the Death of, December 29, 1799. *New Haven*, 1800
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Honorable Sir

Albemarle in Virginia Octb. 19. 1778.

In a late conversation with Mr J. Adams since his return from Congress I find, what indeed might have been well supposed that the state of the Continental finances is not the most flourishing. The establishment of banks in Europe for the purpose of maintaining our credit there, as well as here, and by that means of enlarging our supplies by way of loan may perhaps meet with the attention of Congress. As it is probable this cannot be done to a sufficient extent in any one place in Europe, the procuring credit in several places tho' to no great amount in any one of them, will answer the same end. An acquaintance with two Italian gentlemen who have settled in my neighborhood has been the means of my becoming acquainted with some facts which may perhaps be of some use to the general cause. The Grand Duke of Tuscany by great economy & a particular attention to the affairs of his treasury has I understand a very large sum in ready money which it is thought he would readily put out to interest, more especially if it was proposed not to carry it out of his state, but to invest it in necessities there. Having also established at his own expense public manufactures for the employment of his poor, it is said he has immense magazines of these which he would without doubt gladly furnish on credit. — The Genoese are among the richest people in Europe. being principally commercial they make great sums of money, which their sumptuary laws put it out of their power to expend. The consequence is that for a long time they have put their money into the banks of Europe for 3 and 3½ per cent. They have immense sums in the London bank, the state of which has for some time alarmed them: & nothing has prevented their drawing it out but the impossibility of disposing of it elsewhere. were they indeed to go pretty generally on the plan of selling out, it is probable they must sell to considerable loss, yet the high interest we pay would make amends for that, more especially when they contemplate the certain loss of their principal at no very distant period if suffered to remain there. There seems therefore reason to hope we might do something clever with them, which would be doubly beneficial by supplying our wants, and perhaps rendering our enemies bankrupt by sudden & large calls on them. I throw out these things for your contemplation. if they can be wrought into any public good I know you will do it. should Congress think them worth an essay, they will probably think it wisest to negotiate at first in a covered way, & not put their credit to the hazard of an affirmative refusal, till they see a disposition to accept their terms. one of the gentlemen of whom I spoke above (Mr Mazzei) is I think more likely to negotiate this matter to our advantage than perhaps a native alone. he possesses first rate abilities, is pretty well acquainted with the European courts, & particularly those above mentioned, is a native of Tuscany with good connections, and I have seen certain proofs of the Grand Duke's personal regard for him. he has been a zealous Whig from the beginning and I think may be relied on perfectly in point of integrity. he is very sanguine in his expectations of the services he could render us on this occasion & would undertake it on a very moderate appointment. This, if Congress were to adopt the plan at all, they would order as they please: he thinks £600 sterl. would enable him to continue there a twelvemonth within which time it might be effected. I think the sum which would be hazarded of little consideration when compared with the benefits hoped for. I have taken the liberty of troubling you with this information, finding there are few others now remaining at the Congress of my former acquaintance, & none for whom I have greater esteem. a love for the general cause makes me hazard it for the general service — We have nothing here interesting or worthy your notice. I shall therefore conclude, not dealing in compliments, for it is none when I assure you I am with high esteem

Your most obed^t. humble serv^t.

J. Jefferson

There are sundry Officers and privates remaining prisoners in Canada, whose release I wish to effect, and for which purpose I some time ago wrote to General Alderman, proposing to him to send them to New York, that they might be exchanged for theirs - but I have received no answer - I would wish you to endeavour to fall upon some means of having them included in the present business -

You will find among the prisoners of York and Gloucester, a number of persons who come under no military description, but who are, by the capitulation, subjects of exchange - You may set them against any persons of the Class of Citizens who may be in the hands of the enemy, or against our marine prisoners.

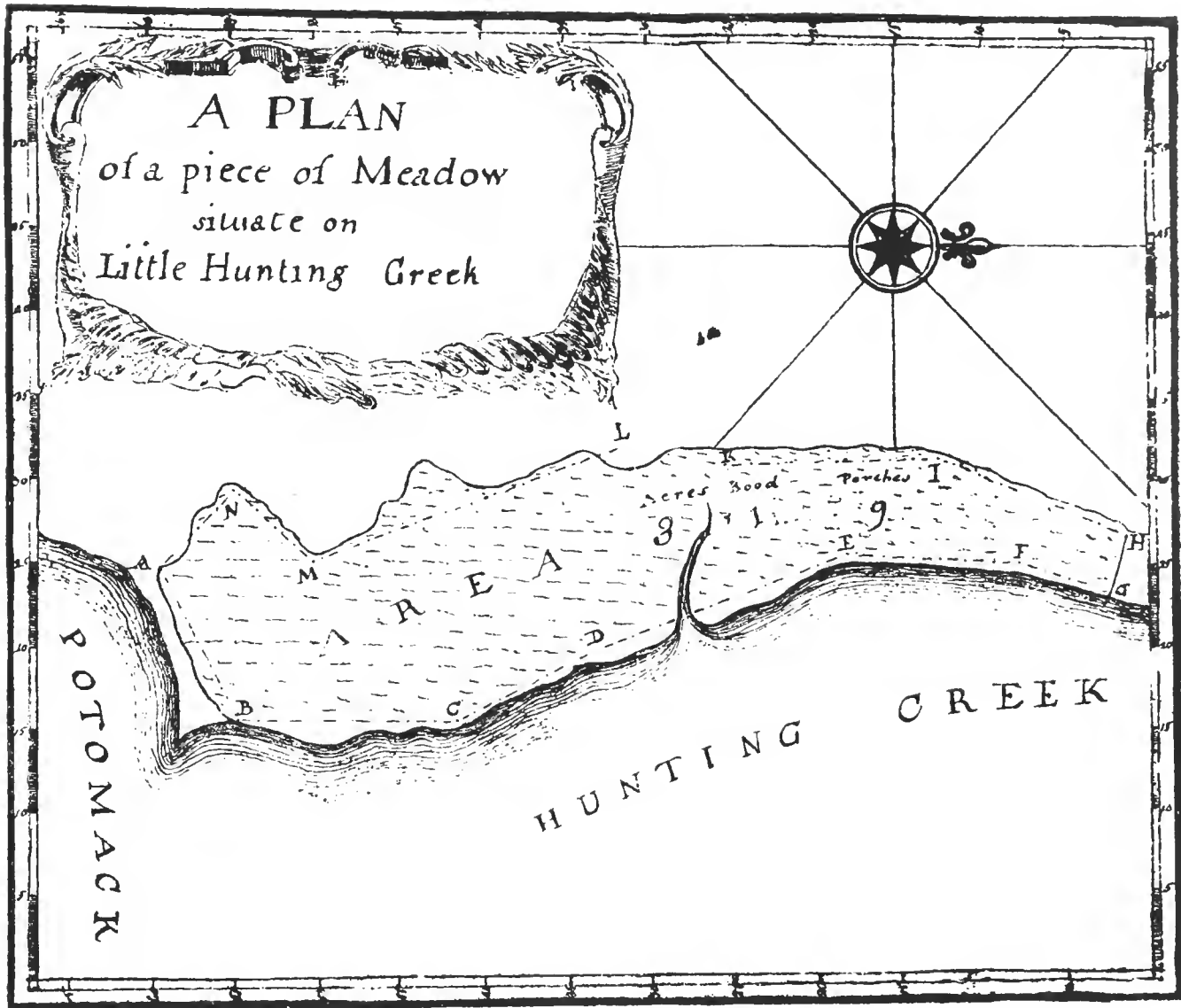
I am Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

J. Washington

Abraham Skinner Esq:

C. G. Prisoners.



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T O T H E

Tradesmen, Mechanics, &c.

OF THE PROVINCE OF

Pennsylvania.

MY DEAR AND MUCH RESPECTED BRETHREN,

AT a Time when a corrupt and prostituted Ministry are pointing their destructive Machines against the sacred Liberties of the *Americans*, the Eyes of all *Europe* are upon us; and much is expected from the known Resolution and Conduct of the *Pennsylvanians*, amongst whom the industrious and respectable Body of **TRADESMEN** and **MECHANICS** bear a very large Proportion. The Point in Question is, Whether we have Property of our own, or not? whether our Property, and the dear-earned Fruits of our Labour, are at our own Disposal, or shall be wantonly wrested from us, by a Set of luxurious, abandoned and piratical Hijelings, to be appropriated by them to increase the Number of such infamous Pensioners, and support their unlimited Extravagance? The Result depends on our determined Virtue and Integrity, at so important a Crisis.

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